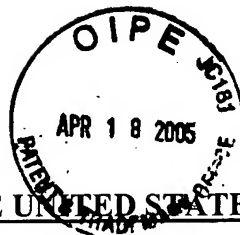


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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2004, said period of response being extended from January 13, 2005 to April 13, 2005.

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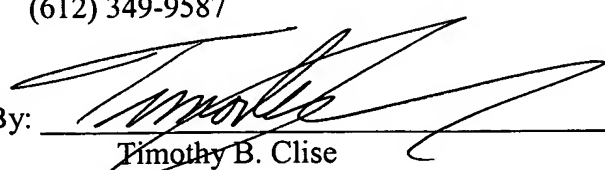
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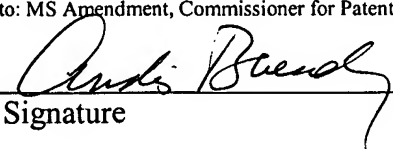
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